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Tolworth Court Farm: The 107-acre plot in Old Kingston Road could be developed to create a more accessible open space

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Proposal could see deer, horses and a visitor centre on historic farm land

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A historic medieval farm, which once hosted an illegal rave, could become a new country park for Kingston.

Having previously promised to create a new public open space for the borough, Kingston Council leader Kevin Davis has revealed the authority has set its sights on Tolworth Court Farm, a 107-acre plot in Old

Kingston Road, close to the border with Epsom & Ewell.

The site, which is already open to the public, has seen visitor numbers drop in the past 15 years, after barriers were put up to prevent vehicle access following a series of traveller incursions and an illegal rave.

Kingston Council is now putting together a proposal that could see deer, horses and a visitor centre put on to the land.

People would also be able to enjoy picnics, walks and educational visits.

With new plans by Tesco to build

700 homes on the nearby Toby Jug site, Councillor Davis said it was important more green open spaces were made available.

He said: "In the next five to 10 years Tolworth is going to be an area of major redevelopment.

"If we are going to create more housing, any opportunity to open up green spaces for residents is important and we should be doing more of it. This is a really good opportunity to open up an inaccessible piece of land.

"The historical aspect is a huge

part of how Tolworth developed from the medieval to the post war and the coming of the A3."

Tolworth Court Farm has been used as farmland since Norman times.

In 2000, Kingston Council hired waste land regeneration company Woodland Environmental to resolve the incursion issues and re-landscape the land.

The company installed new gates and footpaths, with access to the park restricted to Jubilee Way.

Although no budget has been set

for the project, the council is expected to bid for funding through the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Mayor's Outer London fund and other educational grants.

Liberal Democrat Councillor Liz Green, leader of the opposition, said: "I would be interested to find out what he [Coun Davis] wants to do. What does he mean by country park?

"It is an open space and people can access it - although not a huge number do. We need more details. If it's just promoting what is already there, there's not much difference."

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Bridging a £7m fund gap

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Parts of the flagship mini-Holland cycling scheme could fall by the wayside unless Kingston Council can agree with Transport for London ways to bridge a £7m funding gap.

Six months after winning a share of the Mayor of London's £100m cycling initiative, the authority has fine-tuned its plans for the scheme and found costs may soar to more than £41m.

TfL has so far agreed to fund the project to the tune of £34m – already £4m more than initially expected.

But a report by Kingston Council officers, due to be discussed by councillors this week, said a joint review with TfL “may require that in some areas the scope of projects will be revised”.

It added: “The mini-Holland programme has been refined over time to form a coherent package, including gaining a better understanding of the costs and delivery challenges.”

However, the report adds such a funding gap could be managed during the delivery of the programme.

The review of the project's business case is expected to take four months.

Councillor Richard Hudson, cabinet member for capital projects, said: “This is quite a normal process, but we need to be sure that Kingston Council isn't going



Soaring: The plans may now top £41m from an initial estimate of £30m, which had already risen to £34m

to be lumbered with a £7m bill.

“There is always a risk with any infrastructure project that there may be incremental costs.

“TfL are committed to this and I can't see them not fully funding it, but it's a risk.”

Opposition leader Councillor Liz Green, who was leader of the council at the time Kingston won the mini-Holland bid, said: “We were told to bid up to £40m.

“We're not going to lose the £34m as long as it's progressed properly, and I don't think that the borough will

pick up any extra cost for it.

“They are working up a project plan and it will change over time as different issues come forward.”

But Andrew Judge, a Labour councillor from neighbouring Merton, which lost out on the TfL cash, said: “It's important in local government that you keep to your spending limits.

“£34m is an awful lot of money. I'm sure they could do an enormous amount.”

Ben Plowden, from TfL, said: “The allocation from TfL was based on the costs

BIG PLANS

Planned schemes within the mini-Holland development include:

- A boardway over the Thames at Kingston riverside
- A Kingston station cycle hub and plaza
- A segregated Wheatfield Way greenway
- A New Malden to Raynes Park link
- Segregated cycles paths in Portsmouth Road
- A semi-segregated quiet-way between Kingston and Surbiton

submitted by the borough.

“However, following further work, Kingston has now identified some additional costs, which takes the scheme over this agreed budget.

“We are working alongside them to help reduce these costs so we can ensure the programme remains on target to deliver these transformational schemes.”

Tim Lennon, from Richmond Cycling Campaign, said: “You would hope, certainly, that Kingston got the numbers right in the first place. I could imagine that it can be more expensive to do than they originally thought.”

The report will be discussed at the infrastructure, projects and contracts committee tonight, at 7.30pm.

Hospital earmarked for a £60m makeover

Tolworth Hospital is to get a £60m makeover, including a major redevelopment of the site with new wards being built.

South West London Mental Health and St George's Trust (SWLSTG) has applied to Kingston Council to demolish 9,530sq m of its existing buildings and put up 12,330sq m worth of new developments.

It also hopes to increase its car parking spaces from 231 to 300 and create 80 parking spaces for cyclists.

Kingston Council leader Kevin Davis said: “For us, it's quite a lot of investment going into a pretty sensitive part of Tolworth.”

The trust also wants to widen the main entrance from Red Lion Road and turn it into a two-way entrance.

Its planning statement said: “The existing Tolworth Hospital buildings, that have been operational since the Victorian era, are mainly old,



Redevelopment site: Tolworth Hospital

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unsuitable and expensive to run.

“None of the wards are fully compliant with modern standards.”

Plans include six new inpatient wards, administration and outpatient buildings as well as the retention of Woodroffe House, and the Acacia and Jasmine units, which will all be redeveloped.

Grahame Snelling, from Kingston Healthwatch, said: “There will be some

disruption no doubt and some arrangements will have to be amended, but I would expect there to be consideration for the people already there and prospective patients.

“We will be watching out that money is well spent in accordance with what patients and their carers are looking for.”

The building works, if given the go-ahead by councillors, will not begin until autumn 2017 at the earliest.

The plans come off the back of proposals to close mental health services at Queen Mary's Hospital in Roehampton and centralise south-west London's mental health services at both Springfield University Hospital, in Tooting, and Tolworth Hospital.

Health bosses have estimated they will save £25.87m over 50 years by doing this.

Matthew Neal, SWLSTG estates modernisation programme director, said: “A majority of the buildings on the current site are in need of updating and do not reach today's standards of dignity and privacy for our service users.

“The proposals are the trust's vision to become a modern centre of excellence.”

He added no decisions would be made until after a consultation period ends on September 26.

For more information visit swlsth-tr.nhs.uk.

AVOIDING JAIL: A man from Kingston has been spared prison after attempting to rob a newsagent. William Cormack, 52, of Kestrel Close, admitted attempting to rob Sky Newsagents in Ham Parade on April 17. He appeared at Kingston Crown Court on Tuesday and was sentenced to 12 months in prison, suspended for 12 months. He was also told to attend Kingston Wellbeing Service and pay a £100 victim surcharge.

TOWER SALE: The sale of Tolworth Tower is inching ever closer, estate agents Knight Frank have said. The firm said this week the tower was now under offer, with an announcement due at the end of the month.

HOSPITAL MEETING: Residents can attend an annual public meeting held by the trust that operates Tolworth Hospital. South West London and St George's Mental Health Trust will hold the meeting at 6pm in Springfield Hospital, Tooting, on Thursday, September 25. To register call 020 3513 6110 or email membership@swlsth-tr.nhs.uk.

ELECTION FEVER: A former Kingston University student has been announced as the Green Party candidate to take on MP Edward Davey in the general election next year. Clare Keogh will campaign against cuts to services and over development. She said: “Kingston is being over-developed. I will fight to make public services better and fairer for all.”

HEALTH REVIEW: A review of the borough's pharmacies is being carried out by Kingston's public health team. Kingston's director of public health, Dr Jonathan Hildebrand, said the review would look at “existing services, the needs of residents and those working in the borough, and how things might change in the future”. To take part in the survey visit surveymonkey.com/s/kingstonpna until September 19.

BUILDING BIG: A property developer has applied to Kingston Council to build three eight-bedroom houses, each with an outdoor swimming pool in Kingston. NG Property Developments has asked to demolish an existing building to make way for three detached houses with four floors and garages on Coombe Green in Coombe Hill Road.

CHARITY MOVE: A Kingston charity supporting children with cancer and other life-limiting conditions has moved offices. Momentum is now at 139 Kings Road as part of expansion plans during its 10th anniversary year. It will launch a new bereavement service, Momentum Echoes, in November.

FREE PARKING: Sainsbury's has applied to extend its free parking for customers in Kingston from 30 minutes to 60 minutes. The supermarket also wants to vary parking conditions at its Sury Basin branch, allowing customers spending more than £10 to park for free.

LATE AGAIN: Fewer than two-thirds of South-West Trains' key commuter services ran on time in 2013-14, Network Rail accounts reveal. South-West Trains managed a real-time punctuality rate of 65.7 per cent.

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REMEMBRANCE: Mourners pay their respects to 90-year-old who died in house fire

'Many happy memories of mum'

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An estimated 200 mourners gathered to pay their respects to Dorothy Whiteway, the much-loved pensioner who died in a fire at her home in Chessington.

Friends, family, neighbours and fellow churchgoers packed into Chessington Methodist Church on Friday, where Mrs Whiteway was a long-serving member.

The 90-year-old died after fire broke out at her home just yards from the church on July 27.

Son Steve Whiteway, managing director of Epsom Coaches, paid tribute to her

at the service.

He said: "Mum was always there for anyone who needed her.

"We owe mum a huge debt of gratitude and although we can now look after ourselves, I shall miss her wise counsel and often hilarious comments after my recalling the events of a working week.

"She was always very grateful to those who helped her, and I would like to take this opportunity to pass on our family's very sincere thanks to all those who helped mum over the last few years when she wasn't as mobile as she would have liked.

"The family have received so many messages of support, which have been a great comfort to us all.

"Mum always said we should count our blessings and we will certainly take comfort that although she has gone, she has left us with so many happy memories of a kind, compassionate and capable lady, who was such a wonderful mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

"Most importantly, a loving wife to dad through almost 63 years of marriage."

Mrs Whiteway was born in Teddington in 1924, the youngest of four children.

She left school at 14 and trained as a florist – and became well known in later life for her skill in arranging flowers.

During the war she served in the Women's RAF,

stationed in Wales and Swanley.

She met husband Roy at the Surbiton Assembly Rooms in 1948, and they were married in 1951.

The couple moved to Moor Lane 10 years later, with their three sons, and Mrs Whiteway put her floristry skills to use at the Methodist church.

Mr Whiteway was rescued from the fire by neighbour Alan Rendall, and was well enough to attend Friday's service.

In memory: Dorothy Whiteway, right



Two hurt in attack

Two young women have been left with head and facial injuries after they were assaulted during a night out in Surbiton.

The attack happened at about 2.30am on Saturday, August 30, in Maple Road.

A 26-year-old man from Ashford, a 28-year-old man from Surbiton and a 27-year-old woman from West Molesey have been arrested on suspicion of causing grievous bodily harm.

They have been bailed until the end of October.

Police are still hunting another man, who is believed to have been in his 20s.

Anyone with information should call Detective Constable Rav Thind, of Kingston CID, on 020 8721 5854, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.



Sad day: Coffin bearers, above; Mrs Whiteway's husband Roy, far left; mourners at the service, left

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School issues warning after stranger approaches pupil

A Chessington schoolgirl was approached by a man who tried to lure her away from her parent, her school has said.

The girl, a pupil at St Mary's School in Church

Lane, was approached by a young man on Wednesday, September 3, at about 6pm near Churchfields.

She told her parents, who reported the attempted abduction to police.

Headteacher Linda Rainbow said in a letter to parents that all children at St Mary's had been told how to deal with "stranger danger" after the attempt. Kingston police said the girl was unharmed.

A spokeswoman said the force would not release further details.

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'ELLO, 'ELLO, 'ELLO: Six-year-old boy visits police station as part of his bucket list

Malachi's trip down the nick

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A six-year-old boy handcuffed a police constable and sprayed a superintendent with training pepper spray before speeding off in a police car.

Malachi Tyler spent Tuesday afternoon last week calling the shots at Kingston police station as part of a "bucket list" of activities he

would like to do.

Malachi, the youngest of seven siblings, was diagnosed with an incurable brain tumour and neurofibrosis when he was just 15 months old and has endured months of chemotherapy and four surgeries this year alone.

But mother Emma, 41, said her son – who lost his eyesight just before his second birthday – was a "normal happy little boy".

She said: "When he gets poorly we have to call 999 a lot and go in the ambulance – but he isn't scared. He is

always excited.

"He loves music. He is learning to play the piano. He is taking lessons from a blind pianist. It is quite funny to see them together."

His list also includes trips to Disneyland and Lapland and getting 10,000 likes on his Facebook page – which currently has 4,183 likes.

He has already fed his favourite animal, a giraffe, and was a mascot at last weekend's game between his local football team, Tunbridge Wells, and Ashford United. But he had always dreamed of arresting someone

and visiting a police cell.

Entering Kingston's new custody suite, he asked: "Are there any naughty people inside?"

Police Constable Coral Kean replied: "No, they've all been locked away for you."

Mrs Tyler said: "He wants to be a police officer when he is older."

"He is quite a bright little lad. He will take all this in and tell everybody about it."

"It's amazing that they have done this for him."

Chief Inspector Gary Taylor, from

Kingston police, said: "It's been great to have Malachi. We have given him full access to anything in the police station – he will probably arrest me and put me in a cell later."

The visit was organised by Police Constable Alex King, who met Mrs Tyler while he volunteered with the Emily Ash Trust charity.

Malachi is being treated at the Royal Marsden Hospital in Sutton.

He will have another scan later this month to find out if his tumour has grown and whether he will need more treatment.

Mrs Tyler said: "He asks a lot of questions. He said to his sister 'I wonder what it's like to see'. It is upsetting, but I have to be positive. We are so proud of him."

To donate to Malachi's bucket list, visit his Facebook page Malachi's Journey.

To donate through PayPal, email malachisjourneyfund@gmail.com.

Enjoying the day at Kingston police station: Chief Inspector Gary Taylor, Graham and Emma Tyler, PC Coral Kean and PC Alex King help Malachi, six, with his bucket list

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Malachi's bucket list

- Disneyland Florida with dolphin therapy
- Ride in a hot air balloon
- To own his own electric ride or car
- Meet and feed a giraffe
- To own his own iPad mini with Siri
- Visit a real police station and be locked in a cell and work the control room
- To own an Xbox and TV like his brother
- To get 10,000 likes on Malachi's Journey page
- To have a real blind football match
- To go back to Coombe Haven (Hastings) with Shelley and Stewart
- Go back to Lapland
- To meet Peter Walter (Stew's dad) again



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Special day comes to hospital ward



Ceremony: Family at the hospital

A couple changed their wedding plans and held a ceremony in Kingston Hospital – because the father of the bride was in intensive care.

Naomi Hurrell and Charlie Bamford's full legal ceremony was held later in St Andrew's Church, Surbiton, with proud dad Roger Hurrell watching remotely on an iPad.

The pair, childhood sweethearts and both charity workers, were "thrilled" when their vicar and staff at the hospital agreed to let them exchange vows in the intensive treatment unit along with immediate family.

Mrs Hurrell, 25, said: "We didn't realise how much they were going to do. They made it really special."

The hospital kitchen even laid on cake and cava, and a nurse found Mr Hurrell a smart shirt and a flower for his buttonhole.

Mr Bamford, 28, said: "It was a bit of a rollercoaster with Roger's health. In the month leading up to the wedding there was a lot of uncertainty about whether or not we should go ahead if he couldn't be there."

"We were thrilled with how the hospital went above and beyond."

"Everyone at the church has been so helpful – Robert Stanier was great."

"He called me from on holiday and said, 'Whatever you decide to do is fine.'"

Mr Stanier, from the St Andrew's and St Mark's parish, said: "It was an absolute credit to the hospital. It was a really tough six weeks."

He added: "Someone saying, 'In sickness and in health,' and saying it there with his father-in-law's life-support machine beeping, has a resonance which is extremely powerful."

The newlyweds, who met more than a decade ago at Chessington Evangelical Church, jetted off to Lake Como in Italy for their honeymoon.

Mrs Hurrell said: "It's a beautiful place. It was exactly the rest we needed."

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Statue comes to no arm in £6k repairs

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Kingston Market Place's historic Shrubsole Memorial is not quite the statue it used to be.

Council officers have removed an arm from the Victorian fountain sculpture, after cracks appeared in the marble.

Although it is not known what caused the damage, Kingston Council insists it was not the fault of contractors working on the recent £3m revamp of the ancient Market Place.

A Kingston Council spokesman said: "Cracks in the statue were spotted and the damaged arm was removed to prevent it falling off."

"We are looking into what caused the damage, but we are clear that it was not done by any council contractors."



Armless: The Shrubsole Memorial in Market Place

He added the arm would need to be recast by experts rather than the broken piece attached

because of its poor condition.

The repairs will cost about £6,000.

The Shrubsole Memorial was put up in 1882 by Francis John Williamson, reputed to be Queen Victoria's favourite sculptor, in memory of three-time Kingston mayor Henry Shrubsole, who died in office.

Kingston tour guide Julian McCarthy said: "Our water carrier no longer carries water, how soon will it be before someone suggests that the urn is 'dangerous' at which point the statue may be taken down and we shall have simply a plinth and a part of Kingston's heritage will have been lost?"

Kingston Society chairman Jennifer Butterworth said: "It's important to get her arm back. She is not the Venus Di Milo, she needs her arm. It would be a great shame for it not to be repaired and the job done properly."

Employee falls through loft hole

The owner of a Worcester Park loft conversion business has promised action after an employee fell 4m through a hole in a loft.

More Than Lofts, in Central Road, was fined £6,000 by magistrates at Westminster Magistrates' Court after being prosecuted by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

The company admitted breaching work at height regulations and was also ordered to pay £729 costs.

Owner Stacy Owens said he has spent more than £70,000 on health and safety improvements since the accident last June.

The teen escaped with cuts and bruises, and is still working for the

company.

Mr Owens said, despite "strict guidance" given to foremen: "You can't be over them 24 hours a day."

"We try to do good work, and it's very difficult."

"We've got to review all of our health and safety."

"We've made massive changes since last year."

Collectables in auction

Michael Jackson's glove, Marilyn Monroe's blue jeans and albums from the likes of the Beatles, Queen and David Bowie, all signed by the artists themselves.

These are just some of the rare collectors' items now available to buy online thanks to former Kingston resident Tim Fredman.

For more than 50 years, Mr Fredman has been collecting pop and film memorabilia, ever since he was a boy growing up in Kingston Hill.

Now 115 items from his vast collection are going under the hammer through online auctioneer Auction My Stuff.

Items include the glove worn by Michael Jackson on his 1997 Australian tour, framed with his signature, which is expected to fetch between £3,000 and £6,000.

A black taffeta and silk outfit worn by Lady Gaga, valued between \$1,800 (£1,116) to \$3,000 (£1,860), and blue jeans worn by Marilyn Monroe worth \$485 (£300) to \$730 (£452) are also up for sale.

Mr Fredman, who now lives in Melbourne, Australia, has agreed to sell some of his precious artefacts in order to raise money for the Hush Music Foundation, which produces music to reduce stress for children and families in hospitals around Australia.

He said: "My motivation is to research what is out there, and try to find something unusual to do with the persons that I admire."

"I am selling only a part of my collection, in order to finance the next CD for the Hush Music Foundation, which is close to my heart."

Asked what his favourite item in the lot was, he said: "Lady Gaga's outfit and, of course, her signed LP – both of which are impossible to find."

Mr Fredman, an Oxbridge-educated barrister, said his fascination with memorabilia began in his youth, as an avid autograph hunter.

Online bidding is open until September 21 at auctionmystuff.com.



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Tesco plans homes but no school on wasteland

REPORTER

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Tesco is planning a massive residential development of about 700 homes on the Tolworth Toby Jug site, the Kingston Guardian can reveal.

But Kingston Council leader Councillor Kevin Davis said the plans do not include a school to cater for new residents.

The retail giant finally backed down earlier this year from its decade-long quest to put a supermarket on the brownfield land.

Instead it agreed to put forward a "residential-led" plan.

Coun Davis, who has seen the new proposals, told the Comet: "They are not currently offering us a school."

"I don't even know where you would put a school, other than there."

"I think the problem for Tesco is they have spent an awful lot of money on plans that have got nowhere. That all has to be factored in."

Tesco plans to hold public meetings for residents to air



Empty: Tesco has a new plan for the Tolworth land

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their views.

A spokesman for Tesco's planning consultants Spenhill would not comment on the detail of the scheme.

He said: "We are about to start consulting the community on emerging proposals for the site, in line with our announcement earlier in the year. We'll provide more information directly to our neighbours shortly."

Paul Johnston, chairman of the Kingston Federation of Residents' Associations, said: "We desperately need more affordable housing units."

"The provision of affordable housing will need to go hand-in-glove with all sorts of infrastructure, in particular, education and healthcare."

"There's already pressure for school places."

Cabinet member for children, Coun Andrea Craig, said: "I will always be pushing for new school places in any development."

Kingston and Surbiton MP Edward Davey said: "A housing-only project without community use, like a new primary school, doesn't meet our local development plan."

"I hope the new council will stick to their guns and ensure local people can benefit from new homes and new community facilities."

Liberal Democrat Tolworth Councillor Vicki Harris said: "There's not going to be 700 new families coming into the borough with children."

"Having said that, with that many residential units, yes, it will have an impact on all the local infrastructure."

She added: "It's going to be tall blocks of flats, which is my concern."

"That's totally inappropriate for the area."

Food at hospital is given thumbs down

Patients have rated Kingston Hospital's food as "among the worst" for quality and choice.

A survey on the NHS Choices website showed ratings of just 70.37 per cent for quality, and 79.95 per cent for the variety of meals on offer.

The hospital spends £6.55 on food each day, for each patient – significantly less than other hospitals with similar ratings.

A Kingston Hospital spokeswoman said: "We are already well aware that the quality of our patient food needs to improve and are implementing

an extensive action plan which has already led to some improvements.

"However, there is much more to do and we are working closely with our catering supplier ISS on further improvements."

"We are also working with patients, carers and staff who are helping to test the quality of the food through tasting sessions."

Tolworth Hospital was given ratings of 98.03 per cent and 89.11 per cent for quality and choice, respectively. It spends £10.63 on each patient a day.

Church refurb complete

Kingston's historic Market Place church has finished its £3.7m refurbishment after seven years.

All Saints Church now has a stunning new entrance, wheelchair access, toilets and a new heritage interpretation room.

The church will now be able to display historical artefacts including a fragment of a Saxon cross, a 14th century war painting and tiles found from the 13th and 14th centuries.

A celebratory service was due to be held earlier this

week at the 1,000-year-old church – where Athelstan, regarded as the first King of England, was crowned.

Keith Long, secretary of All Saints Kingston, which is running the project, said: "There were times when we wondered whether we would get there. But it's just fantastic."

"The church tells the story of itself and England through the ages – and it's a good story to tell."

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Parlour giving 'special treatments' is raided

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A worker at a Surbiton massage parlour has been slapped with a police caution for operating without the correct licence.

A 45-year-old woman was cautioned after a raid on Chinese Therapy Centre, in Ewell Road, by police and Kingston Council licensing officers.

She and another woman, 35, were arrested for suspected prostitution offences, but were later released.

Police said they walked in on a man at the parlour who admitted he was offered sex.

A Kingston police spokeswoman said: "The occupiers were providing clients with special treatment, namely massage and acupuncture, without a valid licence."

"A 45-year-old woman was questioned in relation to the services offered."

"She was arrested on suspicion of controlling prostitution for gain and providing special treatment without a valid licence."

"Following an investigation she was given a caution for using a



Police caution: The Chinese Therapy Centre Deadlinepix KT87189

premises without the required special licence.

"No further action was taken against her in relation to the prostitution."

A third woman was arrested for a suspected immigration offence, but was also released.

The raid on Wednesday, August 27, was ordered after residents raised concerns about the parlour.

No one from the parlour was available for comment on an advertised mobile phone number or the shop's landline.

There are glowing reviews of massage services on the parlour's website.

"John", from Kingston, said: "Now I am in trouble because I am addicted to massage. Oriental massage ladies were very friendly and they [sic] techniques were super!"

"Pete", from Surbiton, said: "Best one hour of my life, massage lady was lovely and passionate with her service."

"I felt relax [sic] and very comfortable."

The parlour was closed last week, with a sign on the door saying the business was experiencing "problems with electricity and water".

It can remain open, a Kingston Council spokesman confirmed, as long as it does not offer services for which it is not licensed.

Prices for massage services ranged from £30 for half an hour, to £80 for an hour of work by two masseuses.

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Grieving daughter left angry after care home tries to close safeguarding proceedings

'Fobbed off' over care complaint

REPORTER

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A grieving daughter was left furious after council officers tried to close safeguarding proceedings against her father's care home just two days after she reported his death.

Helen Crewdson had filed a complaint against Linwood Care Home in Thames Ditton, claiming her father, Robert William Cowan, was being neglected and had experienced dramatic weight loss.

But less than a week after he died, Mrs Crewdson, 41, received an email from a Surrey County Council officer suggesting her complaint be closed.

Mrs Crewdson informed the authority of her father's death on July 9, and Rachel Croft, acting assistant senior manager for Elmbridge, replied on July 15, saying: "Thanks for your message, and please accept my condolences. I am assuming, having not heard from you, that you are happy with my proposal to close the safeguarding process regarding Linwood, and the complaint process."

"If I don't hear from you within the next two weeks I

will do this."

Mrs Crewdson, who runs weight loss clinic Hypoxi Therapy Centre in Surbiton, said: "That is not acceptable."

"We have just been fobbed off. No one is willing to take responsibility."

"We are not able to fully grieve because we still have all this to deal with."

The mother-of-two from Ewell had complained about the care home, run by Anchor, to the council's social services. She claimed Mr Cowan's weight had dropped from 14st to just 6st in two years.

Mrs Crewdson also alleged the care home did not shower her father for weeks on end, did not make sure he ate and left him in his own faeces for hours.

She added her father was once found with a black eye, but she was never told how it had happened.

Mrs Crewdson said: "The neglect was awful. It was a catalogue of things that led to him getting so bad. I would not put my worst enemy in that place."

Having suffered from dementia and leukaemia, Mr Cowan eventually died from pneumonia at Kingston Hospital, aged 72.

A Surrey County Council



Grieving: Helen Crewdson has made a complaint against Linwood care home

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spokesman said: "We are looking into the events reported at this privately-owned and managed care home and it would be inappropriate to comment further until we have done so."

Edith Rushden, district manager for Linwood, said: "A full investigation is ongoing and the findings will be shared with the family of Mr Cowan and the local authority team in

due course."

She added a Care Quality Commission inspection report published in July had found residents were cared for safely and protected from any harm.

BINS BLAZE: Four dumpsters were destroyed by fire near Worcester Park library this week. The large bins, between the library and Waitrose, were "well alight" by the time New Malden firefighters arrived, at about 1.30am on Sunday, September 7. The bins were melted, the crew said.

OUT OF BUSINESS: More than 200 Kingston businesses closed in the first quarter of this year. Analysts Duport said there were 201 closures between January and March – a 62 per cent rise on last year. Meanwhile, the number of new companies registered dropped by 8 per cent over the same period, Duport said.

TWO CHARGED: Two men accused of burglary and aggravated vehicle taking have appeared at Kingston Crown Court. Johnny Brazil, 22, and Joseph Brazil, 19, both of no fixed address, are charged with an alleged offence in Ashcombe Avenue, Surbiton, in August. They will appear again at the same court on Monday, November 17.

ON THE BUSES: An extra 465 bus service will run on weekday mornings from Kingston to Leatherhead. Chessington North and Hook councillor Andrew Day, who campaigned for the extra service, said it would ease overcrowding of schoolchildren on the buses. The new service will leave Kingston at 7.25am, Monday to Friday.

POLICE VACANCIES: Five per cent of Kingston police jobs are unfilled, according to figures highlighted by Labour London Assembly members. The figures for May, the latest available, show four sergeant and 12 PC posts are vacant.

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Keep warm under the stars with a mulled wine, spiced cider, or hot chocolate as well as roasting chestnuts, toasted marshmallows and other traditional fayre, as you make your way along the trail. Why not browse Kew's well-stocked shops filled with hand-picked gifts and have Christmas all wrapped up.

Soak up the playful atmosphere at **White Peaks** where the Victorian carousel, family rides* and outdoor adventure playground provide fun for the young ones. Although it's a really busy time of year for him, Santa and his Elves will be heading straight to Kew Gardens in November. **Santa's Snowflake Grotto** will soon become one of the most magical and popular spots to meet the jolly man in red.



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Extra crossing and u-turn signs for Tolworth Greenway

Dig it up and start again. Get rid of the Jenga planks. Redo the ramp subways so they're ramps again. Zebra crossings on the raised bumps. Get rid of the twigs that are supposed to be trees. Make sure the councillors don't take credit for the update as its the locals that have said the original finished product was dangerous, ugly rubbish.

PINKY107

Tories force new Surbiton 20mph speed limit vote

As a resident of one of these streets, I don't really care if the limits are legally enforceable, as similar schemes have reduced traffic speed in other areas, surely any scheme that reminds us drivers to take greater care on our community roads should be welcomed.

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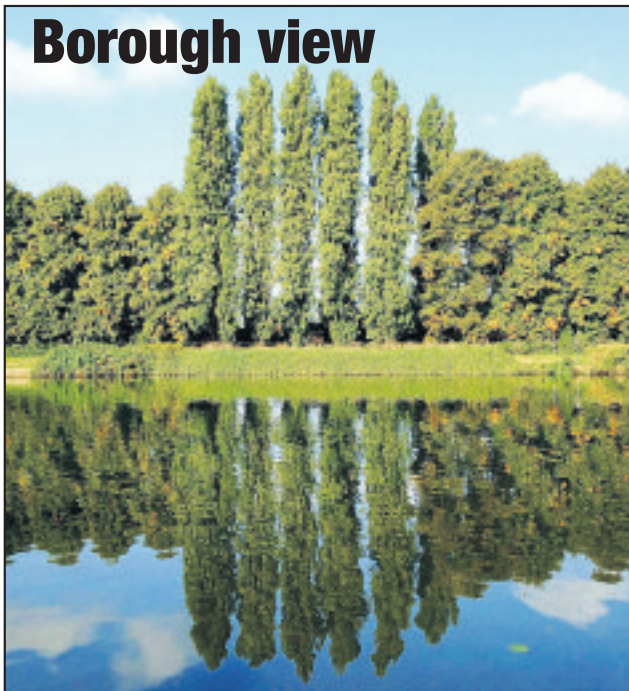
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Who would you like to make peace with?

We would like to remind our readers, especially teachers, school governors and parents, that members of Kingston Peace Council will soon be visiting schools in Kingston and Richmond to give assemblies to mark the UN day of peace on September 21.

This year's theme is who will you make peace with?

The aim is to encourage children to realise that we can all work for a more peaceful world, starting with ourselves and our immediate relationships.

Day of peace was the idea of actor and film-maker Jeremy Gilley, who founded the organisation Peace One Day, which is now based in Richmond.

The organisation's work for peace and reconciliation is explained at peaceoneday.org.

The year 2014 has witnessed massive coverage of the centenary of World War I – from the international events seen as the causes, to the effects of war on communities and individuals.

Kingston Museum had an interesting exhibition in the summer, telling the stories of local people caught up in the turmoil of war.

From now on, photos of soldiers in the trenches are likely to be on our TV screens as we pass the poignant anniversaries of battles that took place 100 years ago.

Many people, including those who fought in more recent wars, believe that wars do not solve problems.

At Kingston Peace Council, we believe that we can all benefit from thinking about how to work for peace in our own lives and beyond.

Teachers are already addressing issues of peace and conflict, but sometimes an outside speaker can add a new dimension.

If you would like to arrange an assembly at your school, please contact me.

We have written to headteachers in all the schools in Kingston and Richmond with full details of the scheme.

MARY HOLMES
 Kingston Peace Council

20mph limits make a land of confusion

I wish to reassert my total opposition to the proposed 20mph speed limit in Surbiton.

There is not expected to be any reduction in accidents, as should be expected.

Accident levels are low, and the reduction in speed is not going to be expected to reduce that number, based on the well-used statistics that signs reduce speed by an average of 1mph, and that every 1mph reduction is supposed to reduce accidents by 7 per cent.

Similarly, there is no evidence that this will make any roads outside schools any safer.

These are not the issues in the first place.

The only change will be confusion – and that could lead to accidents.

There is no evidence that this

will encourage walking or cycling. It does not provide segregated cycle paths, more pavements or reduced traffic, only more signs and more confusion.

People are quite capable of deciding when they can walk and when they need the car, and it seems pretty clear that many potential cyclists will not cycle on roads unless they are completely traffic free, with speed totally irrelevant.

This will not improve the general area or the neighbourhood.

Seeking to control and interfere in people's actions every time they leave the house is not conducive to improving any area or neighbourhood.

Uglifying the place with signs and colours to reinforce the oppression is not conducive to

improving any area or neighbourhood.

Having a split in policy, whereby there is a repressive limit with the intention of discouraging car use on one side and a new council policy of introducing limited free parking outside shops with the intention of encouraging car users, is also hardly a confidence-boosting reflection on this proposal.

Surbiton is a nice town, and I have been proud and indeed militantly supportive of living here.

But this scheme intends to ruin everything nice about the atmosphere in this town.

I consider this will have a direct effect on who I vote for in next year's general election.

ADAM NAKAR
 Berrylands

Crash seen Even and firm enforcement of traffic laws is necessary

I am the woman who, on March 27 this year, suffered injuries in the Eden Street crash.

I would like to say thank you to the person who called an ambulance for me and thank the paramedics who took me to the hospital.

Also, I should say sorry to all those who got delayed in the traffic congestion that might have been caused by the accident.

It has been nearly six months, but if there is anyone who witnessed the accident, would they please contact this newspaper.

NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED

I would like to know how the various councils and police are going to enforce certain regulations.

Cycling on the pavement is illegal, but this is ignored by police in Kingston town centre.

However, most motorists behave in a responsible manner – taxing, insuring and maintaining their vehicles and displaying an instantly identifying number plate.

I have been living in King Charles Road since 2006.

There has been no enforcement

of the 20mph speed limit whatsoever, only an attempt to change the traffic priority at the junction at King Charles Road and Surbiton Hill Park.

This was soon reversed due to complaints from residents and pressure groups. There was no mention of the cost to taxpayers.

We hear in the media every day the term zero tolerance. Where is it? It is certainly not working in this area.

MELVIN HILLCOAT
 Surbiton

Need same day service

I would like to add to the article in last week's Surrey Comet about the scrapping of the counter service for parking permits (Online parking system "a mess", August 29).

It seems that all requests for new or replacement permits will now be answered by post – making it impossible to get a permit issued on the day.

Indeed, we are told requests will take up to two weeks to process.

Since you need to return your old permit to get a new one, it seems it will now be impossible to change a vehicle.

It will also be impossible to get a temporary permit for a courtesy car without knowing its registration in advance, or indeed to get a new visitor permit should an urgent need arise.

I understand the new council has inherited this problem from the previous administration, but the new arrangements seem completely unfit for purpose and the issue needs addressing so that a same-day service can be restored as a matter of urgency.

TIM LIDBETTER
 Kingston

TWEETS of the WEEK

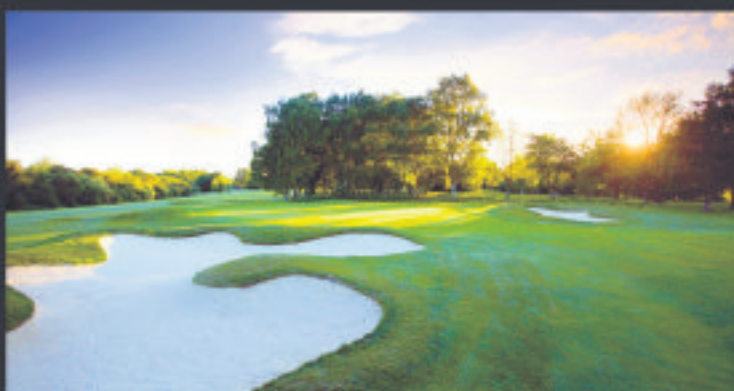


@n_a_kingston developed a novel form of weather forecasting: My butter is no longer liquid. Winter is coming.

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Now celebrating its seventh successful year, the Young Reporter scheme is a great opportunity for any youngster with their sights set on a career in journalism

Has your school signed up yet?



A determination to succeed

Diana Jarvis started the schools programme in September 2008. It was her idea to give students the chance to experience working as reporters in a competitive industry.

Having worked in journalism for more than 20 years, she started life as a junior reporter on a trade journal working for whom she can only describe as "a dragon" of an editor.

She says: "It was quite a scary start and could have turned me off journalism for ever, but instead it taught me a lot and toughened me up for working in this industry."

Over the years she has worked

for many publications and loved being in and around the media. It was always her dream to write and she sent off her first article to the editor of a magazine when she was 12.

She said: "I felt quite incensed when he sent back a rejection letter, but he did give me some positive words. He told me to study hard and I could have a career in journalism. Those words gave me the push to do just that and here I am today working with students, some of whose dreams are to follow along that path."



These were our worthy winners this year, next year this could be you



Group managing editor Andrew Parkes, Young Reporter organiser Diana Jarvis and South London Guardian group editor Sean Duggan with the winning students; From left: South London Guardian reporter Louisa Clarence-Smith talking with winner Emma Wooldridge; Winners and guests at the ceremony; Sean Duggan chatting to winner Rahmon Agbaje; Winner Iya al Khafaji with brothers Yaser and Ali; Winner Liberty Martin with her proud parents. Inset below: Winner Tara Madsen

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London's most talented teenage journalists received their awards at special ceremony in July.

The youngsters triumphed in our Young Reporter Awards, beating close to 1,000 other students at 100 secondary schools across the capital and in parts of Kent and Surrey.

We are now recruiting for this year's batch of young wannabe journalists who are interested in making the news. Set up six years ago, the Young Reporter scheme lets school students get a taste of life as a journalist by completing a series of assignments that are then published on our websites.

Every year the quantity and quality of entries has increased and this year was no different – the judges had great difficulty in selecting the winners.

Big winners on the night included Chloe Batchford from Chislehurst's Farrington School, who triumphed in the years 10 and 11 age group for breaking news.

Her gripping account of a burglary on Halloween in Chislehurst included witness reports and hints at a bright journalistic future.

Group managing editor Andy Parkes, who helped present the awards, said: "This is one of my favourite events, and it gets better every year."

"The enthusiasm and

dedication of the young reporters never ceases to amaze me and it's an honour to recognise their achievements.

"We know it helps immensely when they are applying for university places and a number of the young reporters who took part in year one have already gone on to become professional journalists."

"I am already looking forward to this year's entrants."

Peter Le Riche, from the University of Roehampton, the awards' higher education partner, said: "Our congratulations go to each one of the winners for the work they have put in."

"The students I spoke to at the awards were clearly serious about becoming responsible journalists, which is very heartening to see."

As part of their prize, all the winning students were invited to a special day, organised by Kingston University, where they were helped to create their own newspaper using their award-winning stories.

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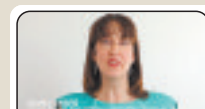
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She said: "I wish the scheme had been available to me when I was a student, as it is a great way of experiencing life in the media, working for a real live news organisation."

The scheme was started with two pilot schools and a handful of students in South West London and from there it grew. Last year saw over 100 schools joining the scheme and a total of almost 1,800 students. It is open to Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 and students start their 'writing career' uploading articles directly onto the Newsquest website, within specified deadlines and categories.

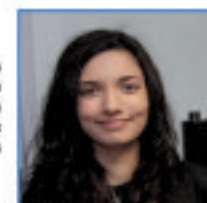
Don Townsend, associate professor of journalism at Kingston University, said: "The young reporter scheme is a great idea to get potential journalists of the future interested in what is still a great profession, despite all the controversy of the last couple of years."

There were thirteen overall winners this year, two of whom scooped the top prizes and have gone on to become the faces of 2015.



Liberty Martin, one of the top winners said: "I'm so glad that I've participated in the Young Reporter Scheme and I would definitely do it next year. It was great that I could be independent by finding and researching my own stories, and found a new love for interviewing. Being in the scheme has cemented my desire to become a journalist."

Maureen Annet, our other winner said: "Young Reporter has been a thoroughly enjoyable experience. Not only has it helped me to develop my writing skills but every month there was the challenge of coming up with an interesting new topic and keeping to the deadline. I'm glad that I took part in this scheme because it gave me a glimpse into journalism as a career."



Diana Jarvis added "I am keen to promote this scheme to schools who have not been involved in the past. There is minimal extra work for teachers as the students work directly for me and I want to encourage new schools to enrol in the programme because it is a great way to build confidence in young writers."

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Self-proclaimed wonky tonk doom folksters the Green Rock River Band will begin a new residency in Surbiton with a Great British Bake Off-style cake competition. The washboard

strumming, banjo plucking favourites have moved their regular show at the Grey Horse in Kingston to the Lamb in Surbiton.

Their first show at the pub will be on September 21.

As well as turning in a characteristically energetic set, the group will also act as judges in the Lamb's Great British Bake Off – where categories include savoury

pies, sweet tarts and bakes with beer, whisky and cheese.

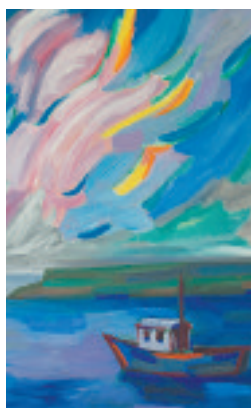
Green Rock River band frontman Jeremy Sachs says: "We're going to do it about

every three months, and every time there will be some sort of interaction with the audience.

"This first one will be a bake off, but there will be something different

everytime. Then we'll be having a barbecue afterwards."

● **Green Rock River Band Great British Bake Off; the Lamb, Surbiton; Sunday, September 21; greenrockriverband.com.**



Talented duo: A Kingston Museum exhibition explores the relationship between Iris Murdoch and painter Harry Weinberger

WRITER MEETS PAINTER

Kingston Museum has teamed up with Kingston University to display a huge amount of work by painter Harry Weinberger.

It also includes a cache of letters to Weinberger from novelist Iris Murdoch, who was given an honorary degree by the university in 1994.

Exhibition officer Tove Bellingham says: "It's a large collection of paintings and it's filled our art gallery to the brim.

"They're so vibrant and passionate and strong.

"I think it's exciting how they sort of fed off each other, spurred each other on and inspired each other."

Its last major exhibition looked at Kingston's involvement in the First World War.

● **Iris Murdoch and Harry Weinberger: Writer Meets Painter; Kingston Museum, until October 4; free; visit kingston.gov.uk/museum or call 020 8547 6463.**

Newly-reunited and critically-acclaimed Chicago band Owls will be playing the UK for the first time – and stopping by Kingston this month, writes *Gen-nifer Harding-Gosnell*.

Almost 15 years since the release of their first – and what many assumed last – album, the band made a surprising comeback earlier this year with sophomore record Two.

They play the Fighting Cocks on Saturday, September 20.

Originally formed from the embers of cult underground emo band Cap'n Jazz in 2000, Owls released their self-titled debut the following year, to critical acclaim.

But the group did not last past their first album, with singer Tim Kinsella moving on to

other projects, including Friend/Enemy, Joan of Arc and Everyoned.

So the news of Owls 2013 reunion that lead to recording their new album pleasantly surprised both music

critics and devoted followers alike.

On restarting the band, Kinsella says: "We're seriously a group of super weirdos, but compared to the sort of high drama and chaos that was pretty significant

in all of our young lives, we're pretty stabilised now and have a deep appreciation for each other and even our differences.

"So now is the time that it's possible."

The new album shows an older, wiser Owls whose years of experience playing in other bands since the first break-up display a more mature, complex sound. Two is more refined than Owls' debut, but maintains the band's edge. Highlights include the rhythm-heavy groove of Why Oh Why and guitarist Victor Villarreal's jangly, melodic guitar riff that sails through the breaks of Ancient Star Seed.

"We're more interested in evoking a mood than we used to be," says Kinsella. "I know I for one am at peace with loving music in a way that I never have been before."



OWLS

● **The Fighting Cocks, Old London Road, Kingston; Saturday, September 20; £12; visit banquetrecords.com/owls200914**

GREAT TALONS

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OLD GAMES: Remember Pong? How about Asteroids? Or perhaps Sonic the Hedgehog back in his 2D glory days? The Lamb needs your help. The pub will host a retro gaming day and has asked punters to bring in old video game consoles for a multiplayer session later this month. Find the pub on Facebook to get involved.

● **Retro gaming; the Lamb, Brighton Road, Surbiton; September 28, 5pm to 10pm.**

GREAT TASTE: Foodies are getting ready to enjoy the best of Elmbridge's food and drink with a food festival hoping to create a new landmark on the food-lovers' trail. Joining forces with Fantastic British Food Festivals, Elmbridge Council has launched the inaugural 2014 Elmbridge Food Festival at Painshill Park, Cobham. There will be demonstrations from local chefs, children's activities, tastings, talks and hands-on experiences.

● **Elmbridge Food Festival, Painshill Park, Cobham; September 27-28; free; elmbridge.gov.uk.**

STEAMPUNK CYCLE: The Seething Tricyclingathon is coming around again, giving families and steampunk fans the chance for an afternoon out. More experienced riders can take on a 44-mile course that includes some of the Olympic cycling route. All rides start and end at Claremont Gardens, Surbiton, where food, music and a charity bar will be on offer to revitalise the weary.

● **Seething Tricyclingathon; Claremont Gardens; September 14; various times and routes; visit tricyclingathon.org for full details.**

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COME ON BOARD

With the River Thames running alongside many parts of south-west London and just a stone's throw away from many boroughs, activities on and around the water are a great way

to spend your free time, writes *Laura Proto*.

While many people may simply prefer to relax on the riverbanks on a sunny day, with so many different activities available on the water, now

is a great time to step out of your comfort zone and try one of the many offerings.

From rowing clubs in Kingston, Twickenham and Putney, to smooth and relaxing boat rides that allow you to take in the varied scenery along the Thames, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Paddleboarding is a river-based activity that has increased in popularity, with Active360 offering sessions that start from under the arches of Kew Bridge.

With a wetsuit, board, paddle and a life jacket if you so desire, paddleboarding allows you to make your way safely up the river in a way set to become one of the UK's most popular watersports.

Paul Hyman, director and founder of Active360, says: "It's a great way to see London from a new perspective and of course it's a very good way of getting fit."

"We take many people out on the

river for the first time and they are always amazed at how scenic and natural the river is.

"It's full of wild-life; fish, birds and even the odd seal. Every time you go out there it's a unique experience." Hyman says paddleboarding is suitable for children as young as six years old and there is

no upper age limit, with people older than 70 taking part.

Swimming ability is not important, but confidence in water is crucial. If immersing yourself in water is not for you, the River Thames and its sights can still be explored while you remain dry.

Turks Launches, based in Kingston, offers river boat cruises that allow you to explore Richmond, Kingston and Hampton Court Palace.

With a history of more than 300 years in service, the cruises will take you along the river, passing Hampton Court Palace with its world-famous garden and through Teddington Lock.

You will also be able to gain a sneak peek of Eel Pie Island, Twickenham, before hopping off in either Richmond or

Kingston to enjoy activities on dry land.

With so many fun river activities on offer, why not head out to the Thames and see which is the one for you.

WHERE TO GO: The Blue Chip board store, based in Cheam, runs stand up paddle boarding sessions from Teddington to Kingston twice a week. Group, private and parent and child lessons are available, with prices starting at £75. **Blue Chip Board Store, 94 Church Hill Road, Cheam SM3 8LJ; 020 8715 0040, wind-surfer.co.uk.**

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House hunters may have a better chance of finding their dream home, with the average number of properties available for sale per branch up by 11 per cent on the previous month, the greatest percentage increase in almost three years, according to the National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA).

The NAEA's July Housing Market Report shows the average number of properties available for sale per branch increased from 46 properties last month to 51 in July, the highest number of available properties since November 2013.

At the same time, competition among house buyers could be easing. The average number of house hunters registered per branch shrank from 371 in June to 368 in July, and has been declining month-on-month since April 2014.

However, the number of registered house hunters still remains significantly higher than the

same time last year (July 2013), when only 250 house hunters per branch were counted.

An additional positive for house buyers in July has been agreed sale prices.

Two-thirds (66 per cent) of homes in July were sold for less than the asking price, a sharp contrast to May when only 46 per cent of properties sold for less than the asking price.

Only four per cent of homes were sold above the asking price in July, compared to 19 per cent in May.*

Mark Hayward, managing director of the NAEA, said: "The lack of housing supply has been a significant issue over the last few months, so the sign of increasing stock is positive for the market and house buyers in search of their ideal home.

"Another positive for house hunters are the recent reports suggesting house prices are on the decline; our NAEA report has found similar, with a significant



amount of homes being sold at less than the asking price.

"This not only signals an appetite for movement in the market, but is also positive news for current house buyers, especially when faced with the prospect of

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The private sector continues to drive overall growth with numbers up nearly seven per cent for the rolling quarter compared to

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Commenting on the latest statistics, NHBC's chief executive Mike Quinton said: "Our latest statistics continue the trend seen during the year to date, with monthly volumes remaining steady and consolidating on last year's overall levels.

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2. The advertiser confirms that the advertisement complies with all applicable legislation, regulations and codes of practice, including the codes supervised by the Advertising Standards Authority. We may reject or require changes to any advertisement so as to comply with legal or moral obligations placed on us or the advertiser; to avoid infringing the rights of a third party or any relevant code of practice; or to meet our published production and quality specifications.

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7. We will use reasonable efforts to forward replies to box numbers within a reasonable time, but we are not responsible for any failure or delay caused by circumstances beyond our reasonable control, or for any losses relating to an advertiser's business or any loss that is not reasonably foreseeable by both parties.

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FILLED WITH LAUGHTER Chatty, genuine, London female, 43, brunette, greens eyes & olive skin. Enjoys trips to the cinema, wine bars & cycling. Looking for an honest guy to get to know & hopefully develop into a relationship. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 162035

SERIOUS ABOUT A RELATIONSHIP? Sincere, thoughtful, 45 year old Aylesbury female, professional, 5'8", curvy build, well-educated, would like to meet a mature male, 45-52, who is a non-smoker, for a long-term relationship. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 174687 or send a text to 80360

AN OUTGOING PERSON Young-at-heart Caribbean lady, 45, good sense of humour, likes the arts, cinema, dining out, looking for a caring, white male, to share life together. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 138474

IT COULD BE FUN Slim, attractive, elegant Asian lady, 45, enjoys travel, socialising, keeping fit, seeks a similar Asian guy, 44-55, for friendship and love. Surrey. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 138920

SEEKING MY MATCH Genuine 49 year old Wallington lady, slim, happy, honest, reliable and kind, hobbies include flying, swimming, sewing, running and socialising, seeking a kind, similar male, to share life with. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 130360

GIRLS DAY OUT Bubbly Chesham female, 49, enjoys wine bars, dancing and coffee mornings, winning and dining, would like to meet a similar male, for nights out, fun times and a lasting friendship, maybe more. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 153585 or send a text to 80360

THAT CURIOUS FEELING Tender, old-fashioned and thoughtful Walton-On-Thames woman, 50, would like to find an independent, caring male, for good times and great company. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 142253

FRESH APPROACH TO LOVE Attractive, Friendly Surrey female, 50, 5'8", dark hair, green eyes, slim build, loves animals, walks, current affairs, seeking a tall, attractive, educated male, for a lasting relationship. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 141840

EXPRESS YOURSELF Walton-On-Thames female, 50, 5'8", green eyes, slim build, enjoys eating in and out, cinema, country walks, travel, with an attractive man, 45-55, for a love, lasting relationship. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 140785

FOLLOW THE DREAM Very young, looking, caring Surrey female, 51, N/S, petite, blonde, gosh, likes sports & animals, with a genuine, easygoing, white male, 39-45, into sports, N/S, for friendship & maybe more. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 132871

SUCH LASTING LOVE Bubbly, caring, honest, Mitcham female, 52, Italian, brunette, non-smoker, enjoys dancing, theatre, badminton, holidays, dining out, WILM an honest, professional male, 48-58, N/S for a L-T relationship. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 167639

LIFE'S TO BE SHARED Kind, loving Tadworth lady, 52, 5'4", slim build, enjoys music, reading, walks and all that life has to offer, looking for a genuine and honest guy, with a GSOH, for love, fun and happiness. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 142340 or send a text to 80360

ARE YOU THE GUY FOR ME? Caring, attractive, slim, 53 year old SW London lady, enjoy travel, nights out or in and cinema. Would like to meet an honest, genuine guy, 49-58, over 5'7" for friendship and future happiness. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 171850 or send a text to 80360

COMPLETE ME Happy, upbeat Mitcham female, 54, 5'6", enjoys nights out dancing, socialising and reading searching for a sincere, enthusiastic man, who could be that special one to settle down with. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 145863

INTO THE SUNSET Attractive, intelligent, reserved Worcester Park lady, 55, enjoys all the normal things in life, now looking to find a handsome, nice, caring gent, to share and enjoy company and conversation. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 873625 or send a text to 80360

ARE YOU THE 17 Honest, caring, Caribbean female, 57, 5'5", medium build, enjoys travelling and the cinema, would like to meet a sincere, romantic, trustworthy man, for a long term relationship. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 153471

TAKE IT EASY Sweet, genuine, bright and humorous blonde, 58, from Epsom, wants to meet similar aged man who also likes arts, theatre, cinema, Radio 4, and a good chat over a glass of wine or nice drink. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 172233 or send a text to 80360

THE COMMITTED KID Kind-hearted, polite and reliable Twickenham woman, 55, 5'4", enjoy art, music, theatre, ballet, opera and places of interest. Would like to meet a genuine man, for good times and great company. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 174386 or send a text to 80360

MR RIGHTY Needed! Down-to-earth, bubbly, adventurous, passionate, 60 year old Epsom female, 5'6", petite, brunette, like travelling, meeting new people and places of interest. Seeks a male to share my life with. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 172140 or send a text to 80360

LET'S FALL IN LOVE Attractive, sexy, fun and solvent lady, 62, 5'7", dark hair and brown eyes, likes arts, antiques, theatre, cinema, music and dining out, searching for a similar, genuine man for companionship. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 119593

BEING GENUINE Genuine, attractive, slimish Croydon female, 62, 5'8", Auburn hair, youthful, loves classical music, theatre, France and much more, looking for a tall, non-smoking gent, for a lasting relationship. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 468587 or send a text to 80360

HOPING FOR THE BEST Mixed race Harrow female, 62, looking for an Asian man, for friendship and more. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 135644 or send a text to 80360

INTO THE FUTURE Live, active Surrey lady, 63, likes country walks, the beach, dance music and dancing, looking for a nice, kind, caring gent, 55-68, for fun, laughter and possibly romance in the future. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 126334 or send a text to 80360

COSY UP WITH ME Caring, honest, widowed London female, 64, enjoys reading, cooking and home comforts, looking for a decent, N/S man, aged 60-66, for companionship and possibly romance in the future. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 152636



LET'S DANCE! Blonde, outgoing Epsom woman, 64, blue eyes, active, 5'2", likes dancing, gardening, meats out, socialising for companionship and love. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 122940

SIDE BY SIDE Down-to-earth, generous and outgoing Jamaican London girl, 65, medium build, enjoys dining, cinema, days out and quiet times, just looking to meet a charming man, for friendship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 176887 or send a text to 80360

THAT'S AMORE Kind, genuine Richmond lady, 65, likes days out to the coast, dining out, gardening, the cinema and generally socialising. N/S, looking for a similar man, for companionship and love. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 158495 or send a text to 80360

RELAXED RELATIONSHIP Retired black lady, 65, 5'6", looking for a non-smoking gent, who enjoys days out, meals together, having a laugh and socialising. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 143424

LET THE SUN SHINE In Curvy, cuddly Kingston lady, 65, GSOH, kind, caring, likes cinema, meats out, places of interest and the coast, would like to meet a similar man, sociable, fun and honest, for company and more. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 126146 or send a text to 80360

FRIENDLY AND KID Friendly, thoughtful, attractive 66 year old South Croydon female, widow, looking to find a gentleman, for friendship and companionship. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 162656 or send a text to 80360

THE SIMPLE PLEASURES Friendly, sincere and dedicated London female, widow, 67, enjoys socialising, music, travelling, WILM a nice gent, who is fair & loyal, to share peacefully, loving & harmonious relationship. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 159455

COMPANY AND MORE Out-going, kind, caring, 67 year old Nair Malden female, 57, fair hair, brown eyes, likes music, dancing, keep-fit and swimming. Would like to meet a sociable, genuine male for companionship. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 170711 or send a text to 80360

YOU MIGHT BE LUCKY Outgoing, brown-eyed Surbiton lady, 67, long dark hair, likes cooking, eating out, dancing and holidays abroad, seeking a nice gent, for companionship and lots more. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 461376

MALE ME SMILE Kind, thoughtful, 67 year old Epsom female, enjoy coastal and country walks, eating out, holidays and weekends away. Seeks a male for friendship and companionship. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 170687 or send a text to 80360

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FLY ME TO THE MOON Curvy, bubbly and thoughtful Kingston Upon Thames woman, 68, with many active interests, now looking for sincere gentleman, who is honest and kind, for friendship and maybe a lasting romance. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 453732 or send a text to 80360

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COMBINE WITH ME Honest, genuine Wallington male, 48, good sense of humour, divorced, would like to meet a similar female, for friendship & possibly a lasting relationship. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 159369

FOR A NEW START Active and outgoing Sutton male, 48, 5'10", fair hair, medium build, likes cooking, keep fit, gardening and photography, searching for a similar female, for friendship and happy times. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 107738

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AM I FOR YOU? Trendy, out-going, 46 year old American male, living in SW London, 5'6", enjoys going out or cosy nights in. Would like to meet a female for fun, friendship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 167389

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IN THE NAME OF LOVE Decent, attractive, solvent Purley male, 50, 5'11", medium build, likes all the normal things, simply searching for a straight-forward, attractive, curvy female, for love and good times. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 127258

KEEP ME COMPANY Romantic, blue-eyed Godalming male, 51, 5'7", loving and cuddly, GSOH, enjoys walks, cooking, soaps, music, cinema and places of interest, seeking a nice, affectionate lady, for lasting love. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 112757

JUST BE YOURSELF Easy-going male, 52, blonde hair, blue-eyes, own car, works as a builder, good sense of humour, seeking an easygoing lady, any race, in her late 50's or 60's, for a relationship. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 124525 or send a text to 80360

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SHOW YOUR COLOURS Professional, solvent, athletic Surrey chap, 52, blond, divorced, no ties, good sense of humour, varied interests, looking for a sincere female, for love, romance and plenty of happiness. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 104782

MORE THAN FRIENDS Friendly, good-natured Surbiton male, 52, enjoys the countryside, cooking, walks, seeks a female, for fun, laughter and more. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 128520 or send a text to 80360

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DANCE WITH ME Creative, instinctive and truthful Horsham man, 58, looking for an articulate, loyal female, for fun times and happiness. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 176567 or send a text to 80360

SINCERE CHAP Chivalrous, sincere, 59 year old Horsham male, 6ft, slim, good sense of humour, enjoy countryside, seaside, places of interest, theatre and cinema. Seeks a feminine lady for company and more. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 176805 or send a text to 80360

WARM ROMANTIC Friendly, charming, 59 year old Surrey male, medium build, 6'3", I would like to meet a larger lady, with a warm heart & looking for similar things, romance, a laugh & sharing quality time together. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 164000

CALL ME YOURS Happy, honest, reliable, 60 year old Putney guy, 6'1", non-smoker, many interests and good sense of humour, looking for a lady of a similar age, hoping to meet my soul mate. Will not disappoint. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 166176 or send a text to 80360

LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER Easygoing, upfront Warrington chem, 60, own house and car, would like to meet a friendly female, any race, to enjoy life with. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 153954

IT COULD BE FOREVER Single chap, 60, 5'11", medium build, from Redhill, likes the simple things in life, looking for an easygoing and loving female, for companionship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 109068 or send a text to 80360

UNDER THE STARS Non-smoking Epsom male, 61, 6ft, medium build, own home/s, trustworthy, easygoing and solvent, enjoys dining, theatre, music and travel, seeking a similar woman, for lasting relationship. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 143338

SOLID AS A ROCK Charming Irish male, 62, living in Croydon, enjoys rugby, golf, tennis and music, searching for a nice, sociable lady, 40-60, to share the best things in life. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 111401 or send a text to 80360

NERVOUS BUT EXCITED Upfront and genuine Surrey male, 63, likes the great outdoors, cars and life, would love to meet a sincere, friendly similar woman, who is outgoing and just about ready to settle down. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 116145 or send a text to 80360

IT'LL BE ALRIGHT Slim, semi-retired charity worker, 65, own home and car, solvent, like reading, art, places of interest and writing. Seeking friendly, caring lady for long term relationship. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 132399

LOVE IS OUT THERE Presentable, young-at-heart, solvent Walton male, 65, 6ft, slim build, N/S, GSOH, seeking a feminine, modern lady, for friendship and hopefully a loving relationship. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 159951

BEST THINGS IN LIFE Divorced Caterham guy, 65, N/S, 5'11", easygoing and considerate, enjoys cooking, theatre, sport, dining and travel, seeking a bubbly, positive and caring lady, for laughs & enjoying life. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 112226

SO WHY NOT? Down-to-earth, 69 year old Sutton male, widower, enjoy socialising and visiting the coast, would like to meet a female for fun, friendship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 169477 or send a text to 80360

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Further information can be obtained from Graham Steven at Natural England, Cromwell House, 15 Andover Road, Winchester, SO23 7BT, Telephone number: 0300 060 0398. Any representations or objections about this notification should be made in writing to Graham Steven at the address above, before **5 January 2015**.

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STAR IN A CAR

In tune with motoring

Former Radio One DJ Simon Bates is best remembered for his Our Tune slot, where he would read out poignant tales from listeners to the strains of the love theme from Romeo and Juliet.

A Sony Award-winning broadcaster, Simon worked for Radio One between 1976 and 1993. He has also worked for Classic FM and Smooth Radio. A little known fact is that Simon is also a qualified artificial inseminator. You can follow him on Twitter @simon-batesuk or visit www.simon-bates.com

What was your first car?

First real car was a Ford Thames Van, which I used in New Zealand when I was working as an artificial inseminator, to carry the necessary goods around The Waikato, greeting my bovine clients with a cheery grin, before putting on the rubber gloves.

My first real and much-loved car, was a Mini, which I bought for six hundred dollars in Sydney, Australia.

My flatmate had a beaten up Jaguar XJ120 which he maintained

himself and was his pride and joy. So, the mini was a kind of statement, because I couldn't change a tyre and everyone knew that once I started driving it.

It is no more, having been squashed in a Wednesday morning incident in Paddington, Sydney, by a garbage truck.

How many times did it take to pass your test?

My grandmother taught me in the family Armstrong Siddley and I passed first time in Wolverhampton. The examiners in the 60s were patient and tolerant blokes.

Who would be your ideal fantasy passenger and where would you go?

Oh it's gotta be a good talker. So Chaucer, because his stories were all about being told on the open highway. It would also be a good chance to go back to Canterbury and compare notes.

What is your dream car?

I have it. It's an old Landrover Defender. I can take it anywhere and it's welcome.

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out fuss. It sits happily on the motorway at 70. When we're snowed in, it doesn't grumble it gets me the five miles to the newsagent with no trouble. If a bit drops off, there's no problem, I just bolt another bit in its place. And who is going to key a Defender? No one!

How would you describe your driving style?

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What do you drive now?

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Keep calm and drive on

The cars on Britain's roads are more likely to be filled with raised voices than happy chatter as thousands drive off on their annual holiday.

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The younger motorists, 18-24 year olds, are most likely to have in-car rows (73 per cent) compared to 60 per cent of over 65s. While drivers from Northern Ireland get hotter under the collar than drivers from the south west.

Getting from A to B seems to be the issue that causes the most in car bust ups. The proverbial issue of knowing, or not knowing the route, comes out as the top cause of arguments in the car, with not stopping to ask for directions coming in third.

In second place is driving too fast,

again with Northern Ireland being top when it comes to speeding arguments. While directions cause the greatest amount of arguments for all age groups, speed comes in second place for all but the 35-44s.

For the 35-44s it is the noisy children in the back that are the second placed cause for arguments - not good news for parents about to head off with their little darlings.

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Striker Andre McCollin struck twice in the last half an hour as Kingstonian came from 2-0 to draw 2-2 with Hendon in the Ryman Premier League on Saturday.

And new boss Tommy Williams could not be happier with his saviour.

"Andre has been frustrated in the last few games, but once he got that first one he was unlucky not to get a hat-trick," said the Ks manager.

"I'm really pleased with how he's responded to me coming in. I love working with him."



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Ready: Kingston Rowing Club members

Kingston challenge

Kingston Rowing club has organised a gruelling 78-mile challenge for its members, all in the name of charity, writes *Josh Doherty*.

The club is teaming up with Royal Star & Garter Homes, a charity formed in the aftermath of the First World War to house war veterans, to set members a mammoth task of rowing, cycling and running.

Competitors can race distances from six miles to a maximum of 78 miles.

The club lost 38 members in both world wars, leading president Peter King to hail the appropriateness of the September 27 event on the centenary of the outbreak of hostilities in 1914.

He said: "This is no doubt going to be a fantastic day with fun, endeavour and companionship."

"Combined with remembering the young men that gave their lives for the freedoms that we enjoy today, it makes a special day for all."

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KICK OFF: New boy Beckett hopes to prove point with Surbiton

From Cannock with love

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New boy David Beckett is confident his young Surbiton side will thrive on their new attacking style as they prepare to make the next step to challenge for the title this season.

Surbiton reached the NOW: Pensions Men's Hockey League Finals last April, defeating Reading to finish third as Beeston defended their title with a penalty shoot-out victory over East Grinstead.

Yet the club failed to gain a spot in this season's Euro Hockey League as England saw its number of entrants reduced from three to two after a poor showing last year.

England and Great Britain international Beckett is one of several key signings that signal Surbiton's intent to secure European qualification and challenge for the title.

And the 25-year-old forward insisted he is excited by his move from Cannock and the chance to help coach Todd Williams' men become more dynamic.

"I was at Cannock for two years, so it was difficult to leave as obviously I made a lot of friends up there, but circumstances meant I had to move on," he said.

"However, it's fantastic to



Eye on the prize: Surbiton new boy David Beckett switched to Sugden Road from Cannock in the summer and is out to collect some silverware in his first season with the club

be at Surbiton now and I'm really looking forward to the new season, which I think we're shaping up well for.

"There has been a big

change around at Surbiton with at least five new players including myself coming in. Todd wants to change our style of play and I think

that's possible with a young side.

"It's a bit different from what we've done before as we're looking to be more aggressive, get the ball in the D and score lots of goals and hopefully play some exciting hockey."

"It's a case this year of getting back in those play-offs and trying to push for the top two places to get those European spots and maybe even win the league."

Surbiton face a tough start to the season as they host Reading in the opening game on September 13 before taking on fellow finalists Beeston and East Grinstead in the first four matches.

Beckett admitted he is particularly relishing such high profile ties and after missing out on selection to England's Commonwealth Games squad, he is out to prove his worth to the selectors ahead of the Champions Trophy in India this December.

"I believe hockey is a great spectator sport – it's about time we got it out in the public eye and thankfully it's starting to get there now," he said.

"The next aim for me is to push for that Champions Trophy squad by showing the coaching staff what I'm capable of doing here at Surbiton."

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DOUBLE DELIGHT: Kingston & Polytechnic Athletics Club's youngsters lifted the Lily B Cup crown, above, last Saturday to add to the league title they won two weeks previously. Kingston, who won every match of the league campaign, finished 60 points ahead of nearest rivals Croydon on the day.

MISERABLE END: Malden Wanderers competed a depressing Surrey Championship Division One season with a 149-run defeat to East Molesey at Cambridge Avenue on Saturday. The Moles posted 269-7 thanks to Robbie Heald's 87, before Ross Paxton (5-15) skittled out the hosts.

FLYING HIGH: Goals from Jamie Byatt, Joe Hicks and Carl Wilson-Denis – his first for the club – gave Corinthian Casuals a 3-2 win at Red-hill on Saturday to cement their place in the Ryman Division South top five. Boss Matt Howard's men host Three Bridges this weekend.

SURVIVAL SECURED: Kingstonian eased to a five-wicket win at Hampton Wick Royal on Saturday to retain their Surrey Championship Division Four status on Saturday. Raza Sikander's unbeaten 48 saw them comfortably chase down Hampton's 127 all out.

ROAD TO WEMBLEY: Kingstonian's FA Cup campaign faces a delayed start when they visit Horsham in the first qualifying round on Saturday. The kick-off has been pushed back to 3.30pm due to the Tour of Britain cycle race going through Sussex at the weekend.

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